Gauley River National Recreation Area

PUBLIC USE COUNTING AND REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Following are detailed instructions for collecting and reporting data to be entered on Form 10-157, Revised, Monthly Public Use Report by Gauley River National Recreation Area. These instructions are effective the date of issuance and will continue in effect unless changed by amendment or by memorandum from the Public Use Statistics Program Center to the superintendent approving a requested change.

Each item below describes the procedures to be followed in collecting public use data and summarizing the various elements of those data for entry on the corresponding line on the 10-157, Monthly Public Use Report.

Recreation Visits

- 1. An inductive loop traffic counter is located on the entrance lane at Gauley River Dam. The traffic count is reduced for the number of buses and non-reportable vehicles (120 per month). The reduced traffic count is multiplied by the persons-per-vehicle multiplier of 2.5.
- 2. The number of buses is multiplied by the persons-per-bus average as determined by the park staff.

Recreation Visitor Hours

- 1. The number of non-bus visitors entering the park is multiplied by 1.5 hours.
- 2. The number of visitors arriving by bus is multiplied by 8 hours.
- 3. The number of overnight stays is multiplied by 15 hours.

Overnight Stays

NPS Campgrounds - Gauley River Campground

The number of sites occupied by tent and RV campers is multiplied by the persons-persite multiplier of 2.5.